



# Department of Homeland Security Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 21 January 2004

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## Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *January 20, Reuters* — Algeria blast not seen hurting U.S. LNG imports. A huge blast at an Algerian energy facility on Monday, January 19, is unlikely to have any immediate impact on liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments to the United States, despite the fact the U.S. receives about 20 percent of its LNG from the North African country, some LNG

operators said. Analysts on Tuesday, January 20, said most LNG shipments from Algeria's heavily damaged Skikda facility head to southern Europe. The explosion on Monday killed 27 workers at Skikda, Algeria's biggest refinery complex. The explosion is thought to be an accident at the gas boiler. LNG makes up a tiny portion of total U.S. gas use — about two percent in 2003 — but fewer LNG shipments could support gas prices in a tight U.S. market where gas supplies have struggled to keep up with demand in recent years. About five percent of LNG exports from Algeria, the world's second largest LNG exporter after Indonesia, are destined for the United States.

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_reuters.htm?SMDOCID=reuters\\_pma\\_2004\\_01\\_20\\_eng-reuters\\_pma\\_ALGERIA-BLAST-NOT-SEEN-HURTING-U-S-LNG-IMPORTS&SMContentSet=0](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_reuters.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2004_01_20_eng-reuters_pma_ALGERIA-BLAST-NOT-SEEN-HURTING-U-S-LNG-IMPORTS&SMContentSet=0)

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## **Chemical Sector**

2. *January 21, Stuff News (New Zealand)* — **Two killed in Indonesia chemical plant explosion. Two people were killed and at least 52 injured when an explosion ripped through a chemical factory near Indonesia's second city of Surabaya Tuesday, January 20, in what appeared to be an accident,** officials said. Hundreds of people fled their homes in nearby villages after the blast, fearing chemical contamination and the spread of a fire which engulfed the sprawling complex, according to local television. "It was a thundering sound like an erupting volcano," Slamet, a police officer near the scene, said by telephone from the East Java industrial town of Gresik on the edge of Surabaya. **He said 52 people, most of them workers at the sprawling factory owned by PT Petro Widada which makes chemicals used in plastics, were injured in the fire that followed the blast. Hospitals in Gresik and Surabaya said that two people admitted after the blast later died from burns.** In Surabaya, East Java police spokesman Sad Harunantyo said: "Up until now, we still see it as an ordinary accident. No signs of anything else yet." **Petrokimia is one of Indonesia's biggest petrochemical groups and is mostly government-owned.** Dozens of fire trucks were at the scene and the main road outside the factory had been sealed off, said Sudibyo, another local police officer. Source: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,2789592a12,00.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *January 19, Federal Computer Week* — **Joint exercise includes simulators. The military started its first exercise this week to better train commanders about waging war with U.S. and coalition forces. The 13-day Joint National Training Capability Horizontal Training exercise uses live forces, manned simulators and computer environments that more fully prepare the services, agencies and coalition countries for combat in modern warfare,** said a statement from Joint Forces Command, which oversees the event. The military exercise links participants at 16 sites nationwide, including training simulators and computer simulations at 12 locations. The event involves joint forces such as soldiers at the Army's National Training Center, located at Fort Irwin, CA; airmen at the Air Force's Air Warrior facility, located at

Nellis Air Force Base, NV; marines at the Marine Corps' Air/Ground Combat Center, located at Twenty-nine Palms, CA; and sailors aboard ships in the port of San Diego, CA.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0119/web-joint-01-19-04.asp>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *January 20, Star Tribune (MN)* — **E-mail scam hits U.S. bank. U.S. Bancorp has become the latest target of an increasingly common ploy designed to get a company's customers to surrender their confidential personal and financial data. The bank on Monday, January 19, warned customers to ignore an e-mail that urged them to log into a bogus Website in order to verify that their account information had not been "compromised."** "It's a hoax," said bank spokesperson Steve Dale. Dale said he had no information about the location of the fake Website, which was shut down Sunday, January 18, or whether any customers were taken in and divulged personal information. The U.S. Bank message, which also was received by people who were not customers of the bank, warned that "no further access to your account will be allowed" until they reactivated it by verifying personal information. Customers alerted bank officials about the e-mail Sunday, Dale said. The bank notified the Minneapolis office of the Secret Service, which is a partner with the FBI in the Minnesota Cyber Crimes Task Force. The imposter Website was shut down by authorities later that day.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/stories/535/4327833.html>

5. *January 19, The Scotsman (Scotland)* — **Scottish banks at risk from terror scam. Al Qaeda is targeting blue-chip companies in Scotland as part of an audacious attempt to defraud the financial sector of millions of pounds, police officers have warned. Experts have said Scotland is particularly vulnerable because security is not as rigorous as in London and New York.** Terrorist groups including al Qaeda have been linked to a range of scams including money laundering, and internet and credit card fraud. David Capitanchik, a terrorism expert at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, said Scotland was a likely target given the high caliber of financial companies. "Scotland's financial institutions have quite a reputation. Terrorists may think it is less likely to come under scrutiny. They presume there will be more scrutiny in London and New York. It would make sense to look for a place which wouldn't have the same focus as London." Tom Wood, the deputy chief constable of Lothian and Borders Police, said he was not surprised that terrorist groups were focusing on Scotland's capital. "Edinburgh is the headquarters of several international empires," he said. "It is now a global marketplace and terrorism is a global business."

Source: <http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=65172004>

6. *January 18, The Grand Rapids Press (MI)* — **Identity theft ring appears far-reaching, police say. An identify theft ring that operated out of West Michigan likely has a long trail of victims, state police said** Saturday, January 17. "This has the potential to be a very large case," said Sgt. John Tillman of the Grand Haven, MI, state police post. "We have yet to know how large it goes. It involves at least Michigan and Colorado and possibly other states." Three suspects, two men and woman, were arrested Friday, January 16, and are held in Muskegon (MI) County Jail. **The suspects obtained social security numbers and other personal information from victims by stealing mail from mailboxes and through burglary, police**

said. The information was used to purchase vehicles and get fraudulent loans and credit cards, investigators believe. The trio had several fake drivers licenses, counterfeit checks, check-printing materials, identification making equipment, and suspected methamphetamines, police said.

Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grpress/index.ssf?/base/news-0/107\\_442469165060.xml](http://www.mlive.com/news/grpress/index.ssf?/base/news-0/107_442469165060.xml)

7. *January 16, Government Computer News* — **Federal Reserve fights digital counterfeiters.** The Federal Reserve has helped an international bank group develop and release software code to deter the digital counterfeiting of paper currency. The Central Bank Counterfeit Deterrence Group, made up of the Federal Reserve banks and the central banks of the other G-10 nations, made the code available to the digital-imaging industry free of charge, Federal Reserve spokesperson Susan Stawick said. Recent media reports said the latest version of Adobe Photoshop uses the code to block the opening of currency image files. "Adobe's not the first software company to implement this in their products," said Russell Brady, a spokesperson for Adobe Systems Inc. Other imaging applications use the technology, as do many digital color copiers, he said. The Federal Reserve allocated \$2.9 million in fiscal 2003 for counterfeiting deterrence research, according to a budget document on the board's Website.

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/24656-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24656-1.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *January 20, Department of Transportation* — **Bernard Cohen appointed director, Lower Manhattan Recovery Office.** Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer L. Dorn announced today that Bernard Cohen has been selected Director of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Lower Manhattan Recovery Office (LMRO) in New York, effective Sunday, January 26. "Bernard brings nearly 20 years of experience in the public transportation industry, where he has held senior management positions at three of the largest transit systems in the country — the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)," Administrator Dorn said. **In December 2003, Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced \$2.85 billion in transit funding for Lower Manhattan, the first down payment on the Bush administration's commitment to restoring mass transit in Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.**

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fta0104.htm>

9. *January 20, The Jeffersonian (Baltimore)* — **Baltimore port meets security deadline.** Many ports and businesses around the nation did not meet a December 31 deadline to provide detailed security plans to the U.S. Coast Guard. **Officials with the Port of Baltimore, which includes the Dundalk Marine Terminal in Baltimore County, said they met the deadline — but declined to elaborate. More than seven million tons of cargo passed through the Port of Baltimore last year. Nearly 127,000 Marylanders work in port-related jobs.** It is not yet clear how many ports and businesses missed the deadline, because they were submitted through local Coast Guard offices rather than headquarters, said a Coast Guard spokesperson in Washington. But about one-half of the nation's ports and about 75 percent of businesses

affected by the U.S. Maritime Act have turned in their plans thus far, she estimated. The Maritime Transportation Security Act, passed by Congress in 2002, requires a sweeping upgrade of security precautions at all commercial U.S. ports, including the Port of Baltimore. The concept behind the act was to make ports at least as secure as commercial airports.

Source: [http://news.mywebpal.com/news\\_tool\\_v2.cfm?pnpiD=811&NewsID=520125&CategoryID=9045&show=localnews&om=1](http://news.mywebpal.com/news_tool_v2.cfm?pnpiD=811&NewsID=520125&CategoryID=9045&show=localnews&om=1)

10. *January 20, Houston Business Journal (Houston, TX)* — **Continental posts Q4 profit on one-time gains. Continental Airlines on Tuesday, January 20, reported a fourth-quarter profit over a year-ago loss as a one-time gain led the swing back to positive earnings.** The Houston-based carrier posted fourth-quarter earnings of \$47 million, or 67 cents per share, compared to a loss of \$109 million, or \$1.67 per share, in the year-earlier period. Excluding an \$85 million gain from the special items, Continental's loss per share was 58 cents — still topping Wall Street's view of a loss of 81 cents per share. Quarterly revenue rose to \$2.2 billion vs. \$2 billion in the fourth quarter of 2002. Revenue for 2003 rose to \$8.8 billion, up from \$8.4 billion in 2002. **The company's regional airline, ExpressJet Holdings Inc., which operates as Continental Express, posted a fourth-quarter profit of \$27.9 million, or 51 cents per share, up 24 percent over the fourth quarter of 2002.** Quarterly revenue jumped 20 percent to \$340.9 million.

Source: <http://houston.bizjournals.com/houston/stories/2004/01/19/day12.html>

11. *January 20, San Francisco Examiner* — **National Guard wants to end bridge duty.** Facing budget pressures, the California National Guard is asking Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to reassess its patrols of the Golden Gate Bridge, though guard officials insist any change would not compromise security on the famed span. **The guard has protected the internationally famous bridge with other agencies since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks based on worries it could be a target. But while the federal government has paid the guard to watch California's airports, it stopped funding the bridge patrols after about a year, guard officials said.** That means the agency is footing a \$5.4 million annual bill, and agency officials want to make sure the coverage is worth the cost. "It was not a request to leave the bridge, just a request to reevaluate our mission," Guard spokesperson Capt. Denise Varner said. "By mission I mean where we put people, how many people we put on there and what we're doing." The guard provided as many as 100 troops through late 2001. Since then, a pool of about 50 troops rotates through shifts guarding the bridge. **The bridge is also patrolled by the U.S. Coast Guard, National Park Service, Golden Gate Recreation Area rangers and bridge district officers.** One suggestion from guard officials: Ask other agencies to pick up more of the patrol duties.

Source: [http://www.sfexaminer.com/templates/story.cfm?displaystory=1&storyname=012004n\\_guard](http://www.sfexaminer.com/templates/story.cfm?displaystory=1&storyname=012004n_guard)

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## Agriculture Sector

12. *January 20, Pro Farmer* — **More cattle from Canada herd located.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) investigation into the 81 cows that came from Canada continues. **Three animals have been located at a facility in Tenino, WA, and one additional animal has been located in Connell, WA.** The state has placed a hold on the Tenino facility in order to facilitate the investigation. **In total, 23 of the 81 cows that came from Canada have been located.** One of the 81 is the positive cow. Three have been located at a facility in Tenino, WA. Six have been located at a facility in Connell, WA. One has been located at a dairy in Quincy, WA. Three are at a facility in Mattawa, WA. Nine were in the index herd. **In addition, USDA personnel have located three animals that are part of a group of 17 heifers originally dispersed from the Canadian source herd in August 2001.** These 17 animals were mentioned by Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada, in the January 6, 2004, technical briefing and are not part of the 81 animals. APHIS investigators are still determining whether the remaining 14 animals entered the United States.

Source: [http://www.agweb.com/news\\_show\\_news\\_article.asp?file=AgNewsArticle\\_20041192148\\_2036&articleID=105056&newscat=GN](http://www.agweb.com/news_show_news_article.asp?file=AgNewsArticle_20041192148_2036&articleID=105056&newscat=GN)

13. *January 20, PR Newswire* — **Report finds little to no evidence of negative effects of antibiotics. A new report raises concern that the banning of antibiotics in food animals may harm both human and animal health.** "The scientific evidence shows that the actual risk of transfer of antibiotic resistant organisms from animals to humans caused by the use of antibiotics in food animals is extremely small and in some cases zero," said Ian Phillips, principal author and Emeritus Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of London. "The European Union applied the 'Precautionary Principle' and set aside scientific evidence, and so made decisions about antibiotics that have in fact damaged animal health and not provided any benefits to human health." **The panel of experts, drawn from both human and animal health, found the debate over the potential of antibiotic resistance transfer from animal to humans has featured misinformation and a blurring of important distinctions.** They critically reviewed more than 250 studies and available data in an attempt to draw distinctions among events that do happen, may happen, might happen, and do not happen. Surveillance data from Europe and the United States shows numerous disconnects in the patterns of resistant bacteria in animals and humans, making it unlikely that there is or has been widespread transference of resistant bacteria via the food supply.

Source: [http://www.agprofessional.com/show\\_story.php?id=23153](http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=23153)

14. *January 20, Reuters* — **Cambodia awaits bird flu tests. Cambodia said on Tuesday, January 20, it was awaiting scientific test results to find out whether chickens which died recently on farms near the capital had been infected with the deadly bird flu which has hit neighboring Vietnam.** An outbreak of the H5N1 bird flu strain in Vietnam has led to the death of around two million chickens, either from the disease or a government cull to prevent further spread. **In a bid to stop the bird flu crossing into Cambodia, officials have shut the borders to poultry and poultry products.** Agriculture Ministry secretary of state Chan Tong Yves said several hundred chickens had died in farms near the capital, Phnom Penh, and samples had been sent to France's Pasteur Institute for analysis. "As yet, we do not have any results," he said without indicating when diagnosis would arrive.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/BKK257282.htm>

15. *January 20, Reuters* — **Brazil bans poultry imports from bird-flu nations.** Brazil, on Tuesday, January 20, banned imports of poultry and poultry products from countries afflicted by bird flu, the agriculture ministry said. In a statement, the ministry added that it will intensify controls at airports and ports on visitors and their baggage from countries in which there had been outbreaks of the highly infectious disease since 1991. "Bird flu is foreign to Brazil and has been discovered in countries that don't export poultry products to this country," Jorge Caetano, acting coordinator of agriculture and livestock sanitary programs and inspection. **The ministry advised poultry producers to limit visits of people from countries where the disease had occurred and to immediately report any sign of an outbreak.** Brazil's Agriculture Ministry said that the deadly disease was transmitted mainly through excretions and secretions of birds. **It said that the disease could be transmitted by visitors to poultry farms through contaminated shoes, transport material, and bird rations.**

Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2004-01-20T164553Z\\_01\\_N20252596\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_FOOD-BRAZIL-POULTRY.html](http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2004-01-20T164553Z_01_N20252596_RTRIDST_0_FOOD-BRAZIL-POULTRY.html)

16. *January 19, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* — **Hunting season turns up 73 deer with CWD.** Wisconsin officials say 73 deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) during the 2003 deer hunting season. **Of that total, 70 of the deer were located in the state's disease eradication zones, where officials want to kill as many deer as possible to control the spread of CWD. Two other deer were located just outside of those zones.** The findings thus far show that CWD has grown around the region where it was found. All but six of the positive deer were killed in that region, which has grown to 1,153 square miles in parts of Dane, Iowa; and Columbia, Green, Richland, and Sauk counties in Wisconsin. Five positive deer were discovered in Rock County, where Wisconsin has set up another disease eradication zone. Wisconsin became the first state east of the Mississippi River to have wild deer test positive for CWD. Illinois later reported wild deer with the disease just over the state border. **The research of John Cary of the University of Wisconsin shows that the disease moves about three to six miles a year.**

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/state/jan04/201143.asp>

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## **Food Sector**

17. *January 20, Pro Farmer* — **Japan still not ready to lift ban on U.S. beef. The team from Japan that visited the U.S. last week to gather information on the U.S. bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) investigation and procedures has declared in a report that additional cases of BSE cannot be ruled out in the United States.** This has given Japanese officials more reasons to keep their ban in place on U.S. beef, and further their calls for mass testing of cattle for BSE in the United States. "It is in fact our wish to resume imports at an early date, but the condition for this is that we are sure of the safety and security" of U.S. beef, Japanese Agriculture Minister Yoshiyuki Kamei said. It's not clear what impact this report and the reaction to the report from Japanese officials will have when a U.S. team visits Japan this week. **Japan tops the list of customers for U.S. beef, but has shut off imports since the U.S. announced the finding of a case of BSE in a Holstein cow in Washington state.**

Source: [http://www.agweb.com/news\\_show\\_news\\_article.asp?file=AgNewsA](http://www.agweb.com/news_show_news_article.asp?file=AgNewsA)

18. *January 20, Agricultural Research Service* — **Vitamin E may be key to Listeria-free turkeys. Adding Vitamin E to the diets of turkeys may further reduce the likelihood of consumers contracting a serious foodborne illness.** That's what Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and their colleagues found when studying ways to control *Listeria monocytogenes*, a major human bacterial foodborne pathogen found in poultry. Microbiologist Irene Wesley of the ARS National Animal Disease Center (NADC) in Ames, Iowa, found that supplementing turkeys' diets with the vitamin stimulates their immune responses, helping them clear the gut of the microorganism that causes the disease. This can in turn lead to reduced contamination of carcasses at slaughter and during processing. In a 1998 study, *L. monocytogenes* was found in nearly six percent of turkey carcass rinses and in 31 percent of the ground turkey meat examined. Turkeys require vitamin E for normal development and function of the immune system. **Plans are in the works for testing vitamin E against Salmonella and Campylobacter, two other important foodborne pathogens.**  
Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2004/01/040116074037.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

19. *January 17, Cleveland Plain Dealer* — **City to buy generators to keep water flowing. The water division in Cleveland, OH, will spend \$21 million for backup generators at its plants to make sure customers don't lose water again during a power failure. The 22 diesel generators would produce enough electricity to pump 250 million gallons of water daily to customers during another blackout,** Mayor Jane Campbell said Friday, January 16. About half of the Water Department's 1.5 million customers lost service during last August's power failure because water could not be pumped into their homes. "We are not prepared to put the water system in a situation where it's completely dependent on the power grid," Campbell said. "We believe it's important for the customers of the Cleveland water system to have a backup." Installation will start this year. By June 2005, 75 percent of the system will be backed up by generators. The rest of the work will be done by the end of 2006. The division will need \$600,000 a year to maintain the generators, but officials think they can offset much of that cost by charging power companies to use the generators when demand for electricity is high.  
Source: <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/1074335597172180.xml>

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *January 20, Xinhuanet* — **Japan confirms first blood-transfusion HIV infection case.** Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare on Tuesday, January 20, confirmed that a patient contracted the AIDS virus after receiving a transfusion of HIV-tainted blood that had cleared the Japanese Red Cross Society's virus-detection test. This was Japan's first confirmed HIV infection through a transfusion of donated blood since the Red Cross introduced



the current donated–blood testing system in 1999, the ministry said. A public testing organization has found that the HIV gene sequences detected in the donated blood in question were identical to those in the blood of the patient who received the transfusion, it said. **The blood in question tested HIV–negative in May last year and was used in the transfusion.** The blood donor tested HIV–positive when he attempted to give blood again in November. **A stored sample of the blood was found infected with the AIDS virus when retested with a more advanced method, according to the ministry.**

Source: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-01/20/content\\_1285150.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-01/20/content_1285150.htm)

21. *January 20, Associated Press* — **China approves testing of experimental SARS vaccine on humans.** The Chinese volunteers chosen as subjects for an experimental Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) vaccine are healthy adults aged 20 to 50 who have tested negative for the virus, and they're being warned their mission could be risky, state television said Tuesday, January 20. The 30 test subjects have been drawn from areas where there has been no SARS outbreak and must have no history of chronic diseases, China Central Television reported. It said there probably would be unspecified side–effects. **The Chinese government announced Monday, January 19, that it had approved human trials of a SRAS vaccine, which it began developing last April, but researchers cautioned that the approval doesn't mean the vaccine can be produced for widespread use anytime soon.** A longer second phase of tests will be conducted if the first phase proves effective, the television report said, and a third phase is planned for areas that have already been hit by SARS. **China plans to inject volunteers this month with a vaccine made from a dead sample of the virus. It says tests on animals have shown it to be effective.**

Source: <http://www.canada.com/health/story.html?id=BA10BDEC-6CDB-4990-BA35-AC28AA4681E6>

22. *January 19, Agence France Presse* — **Fifth avian flu death confirmed in Vietnam.** A fifth person has died from bird flu in Vietnam, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Monday, January 19. Bob Dietz, the WHO's spokesman in Vietnam, said the latest victim was an 8–year–old girl who died at the Central Pediatric Hospital in Hanoi on Saturday, January 17, two days after being admitted. "This brings the number of confirmed deaths in Vietnam from the H5N1 virus to five," he said. However, Dietz said there was no evidence that this latest victim, from the northern province of Ha Tay, had contracted the disease from another human. "The source of infection still seems to be coming from poultry," he said. "There still does not seem to be human–to–human transmission but we are monitoring the situation very closely." **The WHO said that a growing number of people had been referred to two hospitals in Hanoi complaining of respiratory illnesses, but said it was too early to say if they were victims of avian influenza.** Doctors in Rach Gia, the capital of the southern province of Kien Giang, said Monday that a 25–year–old man who was hospitalized last week and died on Sunday was being tested for suspected bird flu. **Vietnamese health officials have attributed at least half a dozen other deaths at two hospitals in Hanoi to the disease.**

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/125567.htm>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *January 20, Firehouse.com* — **Signal changer can lead to havoc with lights. Recently, Riverside County (CA) paramedics approaching an intersection used a mobile infrared transmitter (MIRT) to change a signal light from red to green, only to have a civilian change it back.** While such technology might be a dream for drivers eager to sail through without any red lights, authorities say signal changers could create problems for emergency vehicles. That's why Assemblyman Dario Frommer, D–Glendale, plans to sponsor a bill that would ban the public sale of such transmitters. **Currently, the devices are sold locally, as well as on the Internet. It's not illegal to buy or have them — it's only illegal for civilians to use them.** "You just can't have every motorist with the ability to change a stop light at will," Frommer said. "It could create tremendous chaos." Frommer said the transmitters should be restricted to police, fire and medical emergency personnel.

Source: <http://www6.lexisnexis.com/wpublisher/EndUser?Action=UserDisplayFullDocument&orgId=34&topicId=17906&docId=1:71456853&start=47>



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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

24. *January 20, Associated Press* — **'Bagle' e-mail worm spreading fast. A new Internet virus was spreading fast throughout Asia, Australia and Europe but computer security experts were divided on the seriousness of the threat from the "Bagle" worm.** Experts expected some impact in the U.S. when people returned to work Tuesday, January 20, after a holiday weekend. **The "Bagle" or "Beagle" worm arrives in an e-mail with the subject "hi" and the word "test" in the message body. If the accompanying attachment is executed, the worm is unleashed and tries to send itself to all e-mails listed in the user's address book. Sometimes the attachment is designed to look like a Microsoft calculator,** said David Perry, spokesman for antivirus software firm Trend Micro Inc. The virus only affects machines running Microsoft Windows operating systems. The worm started spreading on Monday, January 19, and most corporations have already protected themselves against it, Perry said. Carey Nachenberg, chief architect of Symantec Research Labs, said **home users, not corporations, were most at risk because companies had protected themselves quickly.** "We could see this fizzle out in several days," Nachenberg said. "Or we could also see a lot of people infected" if they don't update their antivirus software.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/internet/01/19/bagle.virus.ap/index.html>

**Internet Alert Dashboard**

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="https://gtoc.iss.net">https://gtoc.iss.net</a>	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/">http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</a>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_KLEZ.H</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	6129 (dameware), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 135 (epmap), 137 (netbios-ns), 901 (realsecure), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 20168 (----), 3410 (----) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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Nothing to report.

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